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Just Google It...Right?

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Google went from a proper noun (the name of a search engine) to a verb meaning “to search for information on the Internet” fairly quickly. Many of us fight against the use of Google and Wikipedia as the most common ways of researching a topic. Getting information quickly is the goal of most students, so googling is very popular. I have been known to use the search engine, Google, myself. However, here are some things that students (and adults) don’t know about searching.

Googling a subject is not necessarily a direct path to **correct** information. It is important to note that most students don’t go beyond the first page of results and generally they select one of the first two hits.

Wikipedia is commonly one of those first two hits. Here is what is on the Wikipedia website concerning their role: *Because the Wikimedia Projects are collaboratively edited, all of the content that we host is provided by users like yourself, and we do not take an editorial role. This means that we generally do not monitor or edit the content of the Project websites, and we do not take any responsibility for this content.* That means that students must look critically at all Wikipedia entries. Anyone and everyone is able to edit the information presented.

Google supports some very usable search “tricks” including using quotation marks to keep phrases together and using +/- .edu, .com, .gov, .net, and .org to limit the types of websites that are returned in the results list.

When helping someone use the Internet for searching, remember to use the databases that the state provides free-of-charge. Go to <http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov/> to find librarian -selected websites on many topics. If what your patron needs is not there, continue on to the databases where you will find full-text articles from magazines, newspapers, and scholarly journals, as well as biographical profiles of notable people, both living and dead.

It is not necessary to spend time and energy fighting the urge to use Google. However, it is important to let patrons know that there are more time-efficient ways to find credible information.

Dollyhigh, Trish. “Don’t Fight ‘Em, Join ‘Em!” *Library Media Connection*, August/September 2014, p. 32-33.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REPUBLICAN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Republican Valley Library System ("RVLS") met at their regular meeting on November 7, 2014 for the purpose of approving the following resolutions concerning the amendment of the by-laws of RVLS; to approve the merger of Meridian Library System ("Meridian") into RVLS; to call a special meeting of the members of RVLS; to approve Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation for RVLS and to approve the change in the name of RVLS to Central Plains Library System and to transact such other business as may be brought before the Board.

The directors of RVLS, nine were present in person or by phone. Notice of the regular meeting having been waived in writing by all members of the Board, the Board adopts the following resolutions:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the actions taken by the officers on behalf of RVLS, during the time period since the last meeting of the Board are hereby approved."

The Board then considered an amendment to the By-Laws of RVLS to specify the quorum necessary for the annual and special meetings of the members of RVLS. The Board adopted the following amendment to the By-Laws:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the By-Laws are amended to add a Section 5 to Article IV of the By-Laws as follows:

Section 5: Quorum

The quorum for any meeting of the members shall be ten percent (10%) of the members."

The Board then considered the plan of merger of Meridian into RVLS, with the name of the resulting corporation to be Central Plains Library System and adopted the following resolutions:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board unanimously approves the plan of merger (the "Plan"), a copy of which is attached to these Minutes."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recommends that the members vote in favor of the Plan."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and recommends that the members vote in favor of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the name change and recommends that the members vote in favor of changing the name to Central Plains Library System as reflected in the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the By-Laws for Central Plains Library System attached hereto as an exhibit."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board calls the members of RVLS to a special meeting of the members by written ballot for the purpose of approving the Plan of Merger, approving the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the ballots to be due on December 15, 2014. That Denise Harders, System Director, be directed to provide written notice of the call of the special meeting of the members to the members as provided under Nebraska law."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes and delegates the power to Jody Crocker, the President of RVLS, to sign the Plan of Merger, the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and to sign and execute any other documents related to the Plan of Merger, the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, including any transfer documents, bills of sale, receipts and any other document deemed by the President to be necessary or desirable to close and otherwise effectuate the Plan of Merger."

DATED the 7th day of November, 2014.

See full meeting minutes at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls/print-resources/>.

Mark Your Calendar



December 1-12. Basic Skills—Library Finance

December 15. RVLS / MLS Plan of Merger Ballots due

December 24-25. Christmas Holiday—RVLS Office Closed

December 31. Official end of Six Regional Library Systems
 $\frac{1}{2}$ -day New Year's Eve Holiday—RVLS Office Closed in the afternoon

January 1. Central Plains Library System debuts
 New Year's Day Holiday—CPLS Offices Closed

January 5-16. Basic Skills—Customer Service

January 15. Strategic Planning Workshop, Holdrege Area Public Library (see below)

January 21. Central Plains Library System Board Meeting, Broken Bow

January 23. Summer Reading Program Workshop, Wilson Public Library, Cozad

Jan. 26-Feb. 6. Basic Skills—Communication

Feb. 23-March 6. Basic Skills—Reference

February 27. Big Talk From Small Libraries Online Conference

March 10. Advocacy Day, State Capitol Building, Lincoln

March 23. Summer Reading Program Workshop, Grand Island Public Library

Strategic Planning Workshop

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Holdrege Area Public Library

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Please note time change!

This session, presented by Richard Miller, includes hands-on learning about Strategic Planning for the new Accreditation Guidelines. It is directed towards public libraries that are not currently accredited or those that are due to be accredited in 2015. Public Library Directors, Staff and Library Board Members are encouraged to attend.

To register for the meeting in Holdrege on Thursday, January 15, please call or email Kay at 800-569-4961 or rvlsasst@inebraska.com.

*****Other sessions of the Strategic Planning Workshop are scheduled.*****

Friday, December 5, 2014
 Auburn Memorial Library
 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 To register:
 email selsne@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
 Columbus Public Library
 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 To register: contact
 Sarah Warneke 800-578-1014

Tuesday, January 13, 2015
 Seward Memorial Library
 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.
 To register:
 email selsne@gmail.com

Central Plains Library System

Summer Reading Workshop

AGENDA

5 CEU's

9:30 —11:00 am

Heroic Book reviews

by Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission

11:00 —Noon

Bring your own great ideas to share with the group

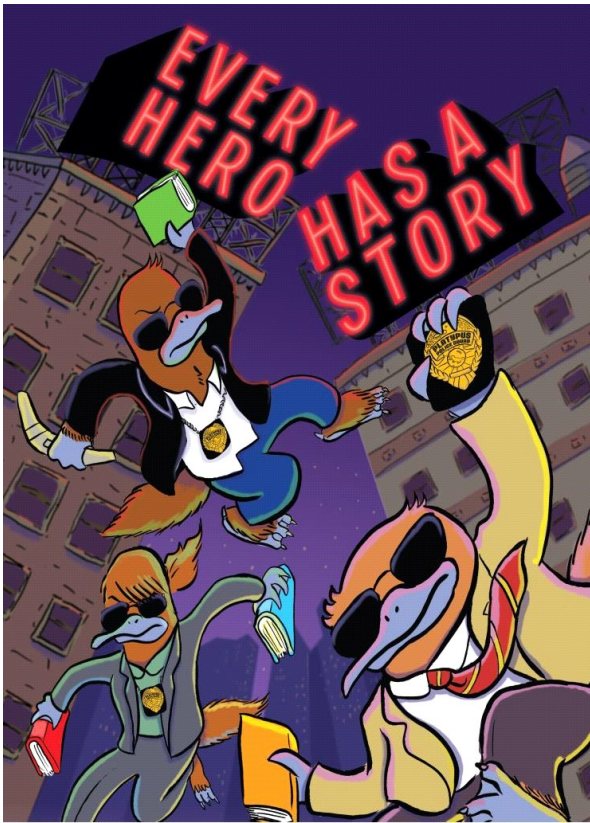
LUNCH PROVIDED

1:00 pm — Comic Book/Graphic Novel Superheroes

by Scott Childers, SELS Director

2:00—3:30 pm — Theme related ideas

by Denise and Sharon



Registration Fee \$20.00 (Includes your lunch)

January 23, 2015

Wilson Public Library

910 Meridian Ave

Cozad, NE 69130-1755

(Registrations due January 16th)

OR

March 23, 2015

Grand Island Public Library

211 N Washington St.

Grand Island, NE 68801-5855

(Registrations due March 16th)

In case of Inclement weather please contact the System office(1-800-569-4961 or 308-708-1688) to see if the workshop has been rescheduled.



Name _____ e-mail _____

Library _____ Phone _____

Circle Date and Place you will attend: January 23 in Cozad or March 23 in Grand Island

Make checks payable to: Central Plains Library System, 2727 West 2nd St. - Suite #233, Hastings, NE 68901

Novels on Location - Read Your Way Around the World

The idea behind [Novels on Location](http://novelsonlocation.com) is to help readers find novels according to the story's geographical settings. When you visit Novels on Location you can find novels by clicking on the placemarks that you see or by using the location search bar in the upper, right corner of the site. If you want to contribute to Novels on Location you can do so very quickly by simply entering a location then entering the title and author of your favorite book set in that location. <http://novelsonlocation.com>



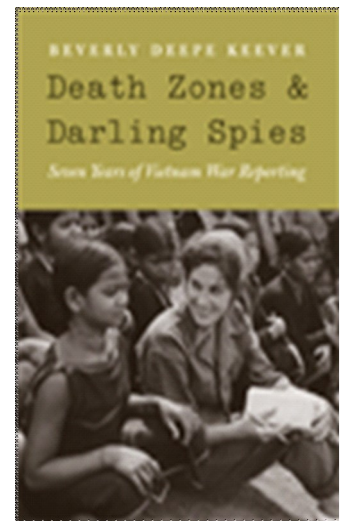
2015 One Book One Nebraska Selected

Death Zones and Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting

by Beverly Deepe Keever has been chosen as the 2015 One Book One Nebraska.

In this book, the author describes what it was like for a farm girl from Nebraska to find herself halfway around the world, trying to make sense of one of the nation's bloodiest and bitterest wars.

Book Club Kits and supporting materials will be available soon.



iStoryBooks [<https://www.istorybooks.co/>] is a service that offers more than two dozen children's books for free. The service offers iOS, Android, and Windows 8 apps. Most of the stories in the app are adaptations of classic children's tales like *The Ugly Duckling*.

If you have or teach children under eight, iStoryBooks could be a great app to install on your iPad or Android-powered tablets. Children can practice reading and recognizing words by going through the stories with the narration turned on. Or you can turn the narration off, and read the stories with your child or student.

The Ellison

You may schedule the Ellison cutter and dies for use in your Library in 2015. or you may use it if it is in a neighboring library.

The Schedule for 2015 is:

January 1. . . . Wilcox-Hildreth School Library

February 1. . . Red Cloud Schools Library

March 1. . . . Central Community College, Nuckolls Library, Hastings

April 1. Silver Lake Schools, Roseland

May 1. AVAILABLE

June 1. Dundy County Library, Benkelman

July 1—Dec. 1 2015. . . AVAILABLE any month

Disc Cleaning and Repair

From July 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014, each RVLS member library is eligible for 10 free disc cleanings.

- If you have more than 10 discs that need repair, you may mail them to us and we will repair them and mail them back to you with an invoice for 50 cents per disc.
- If you come to the RVLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 35 cents per disc.



A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

The RTI ECO Auto-Smart is amazing! It will repair almost all scratches, no matter how deep. **Note:** If the disc is cracked or scratched on the label side, we cannot fix it.

2015 Central Plains Library System—Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

Broken Bow Public Library

626 South D Street

Broken Bow, NE 68822-2143



10 Tips for Sharing Stories



We all know that reading to children from the time they are born is an important way to increase an interest in reading. Listening to and telling stories also provide valuable reading skills. Here are ten ideas for helping parents make storytelling part of their family's daily lives.

- The biggest advantage of oral storytelling is that you can do it anywhere—at the dinner table, on car rides, during family walks, or at bedtime.
- Children love hearing stories about what their parents were like as children—your favorite pet, a special family tradition, and games you played all make good topics for oral stories. Invite grandparents to share their childhood experiences, too.
- Don't worry about being silly—go all out by using different voices for each character. Whisper, shout, and act out parts of the story.
- Add drama to traditional stories such as “Hansel and Gretel” or “Little Red Riding Hood” by playing the part of the witch or the wolf.
- Tell stories that include repeated phrases. Pause at the key parts and encourage your child to join in such as “I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house down!”
- Tell your child the stories of his or her life—the day he was born, what happened on the day you brought her home from the hospital, what it was like when he learned to crawl or walk.
- Your child's name can be substituted for a character's name, for example Goldilocks can become Sophie-locks. Children are delighted to hear their name inserted into a favorite story.
- Holidays are the perfect time to tell family stories and traditions. Your child will hear the family history, not only from you, but from the extended family as well.
- Younger children look up to their older siblings. Encourage your older children to join in on the storytelling. It will benefit both the younger and the older children.
- Look at old family photos and tell stories about what was happening when the photo was taken. Invite children to tell their own stories about what they think might be happening in the photo.

For a reproducible handout, go to <http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls/print-resources/>.

Bowie, Liz. “Sharing Stories: The Power of the Spoken Word.” Demco.com/veryready. November 2014.

Immigration Information

As a result of President Obama's immigration speech last week, libraries may be receiving more questions about contacting Immigration Services.

Please take a moment to make note of, bookmark, or post these sources for information:

USCIS Nebraska Field Office: Omaha
USCIS

1717 Avenue H
Omaha, NE 68110

402-633-4000

USCIS National Customer Service Center
<http://www.uscis.gov/>

1 (800) 375-5283

1 (800) 767-1833 (TTY)

This information is provided by Mary Sauers from the Nebraska Library Commission.

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Webster

The free access to information is
not a privilege, but a necessity for
any free society. ~*Edward Asner*